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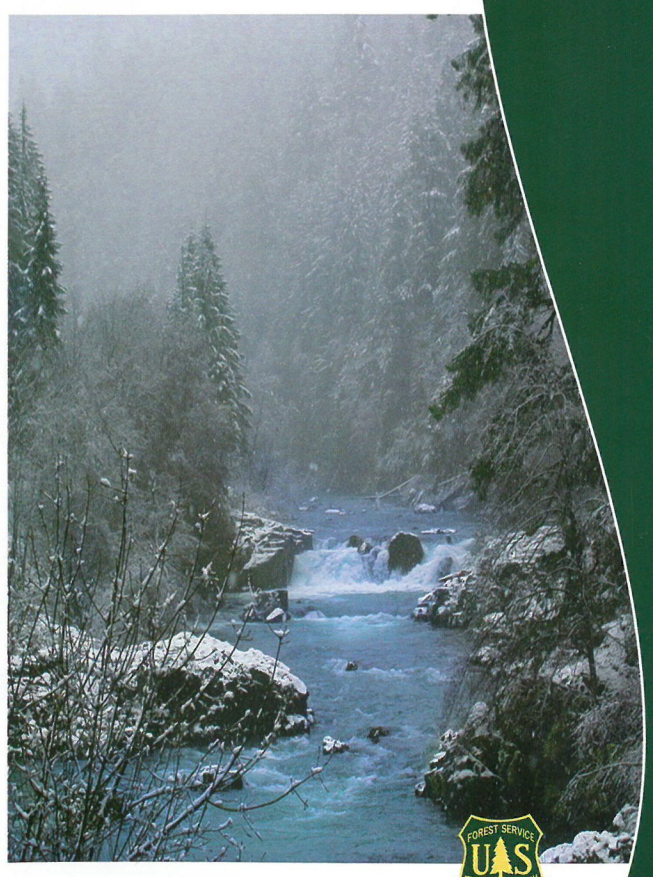
Steamboat Creek Minerals Withdrawal

with Guidelines for Prospecting Outside the Withdrawn Area

North Umpqua Ranger District



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Resident cutthroat trout.

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Pair of Oregon Coast summer steelhead trout.

Open brochure for map showing the withdrawn areas.

Guidelines for the Steamboat Creek Minerals Withdrawal

Steamboat Creek is withdrawn from mineral location and entry under the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended; the following activities are **prohibited** within the withdrawn area:

- Panning
- Sluicing
- Dredging
- Any other prospecting or mining related activities

1. Respect the rights of mining claimants.

Before beginning any prospecting activity, examine the area for claim monuments and/or postings, and mining withdrawal signs. Mining claim monuments and boundary signs should be respected. Mining claimants have the right to exclude others from prospecting on their claims. Prospecting may be okay but only with the claimant's permission. Mining claims and claimants' names are recorded in the local County Courthouse and the Bureau of Land Management office in Portland. Mining claim disputes between rival claimants are civil matters with State Courts having jurisdiction. Check the BLM Mining Claim Records at: http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/.

2. Do not interfere with mining operations.

Mining claimants have the right to protect their improvements and personal property (gold is considered property). Please leave equipment and supplies alone if they do not belong to you. Mining equipment is expensive and unfortunately, often subject to vandalism. Both active and inactive mining operations can be dangerous. For your safety, please respect and stay away from the hazards of mining operations and improvements.

3. Comply with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in-water work period guidelines.

ODFW has in-water work period guidelines to assist the public in minimizing potential impacts to important fish, wildlife and habitat resources. Suction dredging and the use of non-motorized equipment such as hand sluices and rockers may only occur during the in-water work period for the area you wish to prospect. For additional information about in-water work periods, please contact the ODFW Roseburg office at (541) 440-3353 or visit their website at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/inwater/.

4. Comply with Oregon State Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) requirements.

The state of Oregon requires that all metal mining operations, excluding gold panning, that recover precious metals or minerals from stream-bottom sediments have a water quality permit. A state permit is required for suction dredges and in-water nonmotorized equipment such as hand sluice boxes and rockers. For additional information about water quality permits for mining, please contact ODEQ Water Quality Division at (503) 229-6402 or (800) 452-4011 or visit their website at: www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/mining.htm.

5. Comply with Oregon State Marine Board invasive species decontamination requirements.

In accordance with the DEQ permit, "Mining equipment must not carry or contain invasive species. Equipment must be decontaminated prior to its placement in Oregon waters and when transferring from one water body to another. The Oregon Marine Board provides information including decontamination steps on aquatic invasive species. Discharge of decontaminated solutions to waters of the state is prohibited." For additional information about aquatic invasive species decontamination steps, please contact the Oregon State Marine Board at (503) 378-8587 or visit their website at: http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/pages/index.aspx.

6. Obey State and Federal fire laws.

Completely extinguish all fires, cigarettes or other flaming or glowing substances, which may cause a fire. Carry an axe, shovel and bucket. Observe closure orders issued during periods of high fire danger. Please call the North Umpqua Ranger Station at (541) 496-3532 to keep informed of any changes.

7. Leave the land clean and attractive for yourself and others.

Pack it in, pack it out. Carry out cans, bottles and refuse. Properly dispose of human waste at least 200 feet away from open water.

Guidelines for Areas Open to Prospecting (Outside of the Steamboat Creek Minerals Withdrawal Area) on the North Umpqua Ranger District

Activities such as suction dredging, sluicing and gold panning are considered prospecting and are subject to the U.S. Mining Laws. Prospecting is not allowed within the Steamboat Creek Mineral Withdrawal boundary. Be aware that areas located outside the withdrawal may be claimed by other prospectors. Check the BLM Mining Claim Records at http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/.

Why Area is Withdrawn from Mineral Entry

Steamboat Creek and its tributaries are included in a 2,400 acre area that is currently withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. ch.2) to protect the major anadromous fish spawning beds in the area, by virtue of Public Land Order 7774. This mineral withdrawal has been in place since 1959 to protect the gravel beds from mining related disturbances which may adversely affect fish reproduction.

Forest Service Photo

School of pre-spawn Oregon Coast summer steelhead trout.

The Steamboat Creek Watershed has long been recognized as an extremely important spawning and rearing area for summer and winter steelhead trout. The watershed also provides important habitat for migratory and resident cutthroat trout, spring chinook salmon and coho salmon. Other native fish in the watershed include rainbow trout, redside shiner, and sculpin and dace species. Steamboat Creek and its tributaries have been closed to fishing since 1932.

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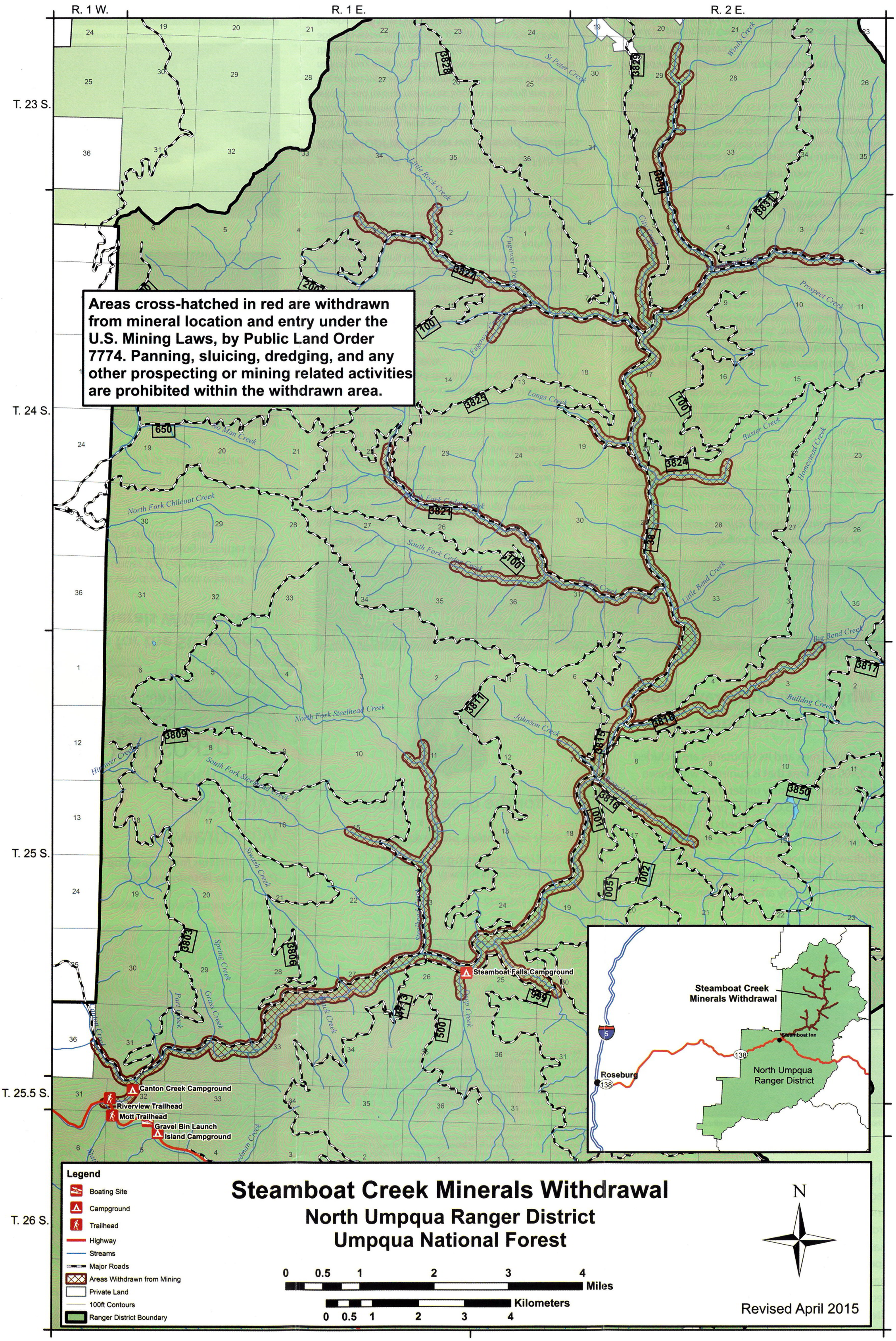
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Areas cross-hatched in red are withdrawn from mineral location and entry under the U.S. Mining Laws, by Public Land Order 7774. Panning, sluicing, dredging, and any other prospecting or mining related activities are prohibited within the withdrawn area.
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Prospect Creek
Longs Creek
No Man Creek
Buster Creek
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North Fork Cedar Creek
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Cedar Creek
Little Bend Creek
Big Bend Creek
Bulldog Creek
North Fork Steelhead Creek
Johnson Creek
Hightower Creek
South Fork Steelhead Creek
Swash Creek
Spring Creek
Grass Creek
Part Creek
Canton Creek
Steamboat Creek
Deep Creek
Steamboat Falls Campground
Canton Creek Campground
Riverview Trailhead
Mott Trailhead
Gravel Bin Launch
Island Campground
Steamboat Creek Minerals Withdrawal
Steamboat Inn
Roseburg
North Umpqua Ranger District
Legend
Boating Site
Campground
Trailhead
Highway
Streams
Major Roads
Areas Withdrawn from Mining
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